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SUBJECT: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG)

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1. EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH MET MAY 5 WITH ITALIAN EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER SERAFINI TO DISCUSS US-ITALIAN EWG MATTERS. BOSWORTH CONFIRMED TO SERAFINI HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET IN PARIS WITH MIGLIUOLO TO NEGOTIATE FINAL TEXT OF A JOINT STATEMENT, SUGGESTING THAT SUCH A MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE EITHER ON THE SIDE OF THE MAY 20-21 IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OR, ALTERNA-
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TIVELY, ON JUNE 7, PRIOR TO THE JUNE 8-15 MEETING OF THE

CIEC ENERGY COMMISSION.

2. BOSWORTH EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE TO RECEIVE SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE WRITTEN COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE JOINT STATEMENT AS PROMISED BY MIGLIUOLO IN PARA 1 (A) ROME 6678. WITHOUT THEM, MEETING WOULD HAVE NO UTILITY. IF MEETING WERE TO BE HELD MAY 20 OR 21, WE WOULD REQUIRE COMMENTS NO LATER THAN MAY 12 TO PERMIT US TO TAKE THEM UP WITH INTERESTED AGENCIES BEFORE BOSWORTH DEPARTURE FOR PARIS MAY 18. IF MEETING IS JUNE 7, COMMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED BY MAY 28. SERAFINI AGREED TO INFORM

MIGLIUOLO OF FOREGOING AND REPORT BACK TO US. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT HIM AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF HIS PLANS.

3. OTHER ASPECTS OF EWG: SERAFINI CONFIRMED THAT GOI WANTS TO HAVE AN AGREED JOINT STATEMENT FOR RELEASE PRIOR TO JUNE 20-21 ELECTIONS. HE IMPLIED THAT MIGLIUOLO IS REASONABLY SATISFIED WITH AND HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE NURE AND NATURAL URANIUM QUOTE BEST EFFORTS END QUOTE PORTIONS OF OUR JOINT STATEMENT DRAFT, BUT WILL BE SEEKING MORE POSITIVE LANGUAGE IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. BOSWORTH REMINDED SERAFINI WE HAVE MADE CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT AREAS. HE SUGGESTED THAT UNTIL THERE IS A FINAL DECISION ON FUTURE U.S. ENRICHMENT CAPACITY (I.E., THE PENDING UEA LEGISLATION), ANY HEADWAY IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGY WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

4. FYI: WE LEARNED MAY 4 THAT-CONTRARY TO EMBASSY REPORT IN PARA 1 ROME 6727-BENEVOLO DID NOT SHOW UP AT OAK RIDGE FOR MEETING WHICH HE HAD REQUESTED AND WE HAD SCHEDULED WITH PATTERSON AND OTHER ERDA NURE OFFICIALS. END FYI. WE TOOK OCCASION OF MEETING WITH SERAFINI TO REMIND HIM OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS DEPENDENT ON GOOD WILL AND RESOURCES OF OTHER AGENCIES SUCH AS ERDA, NRC AND EXIM IN THE EWG EXERCISE, AND NOTED THAT INSTANCES SUCH AS BENEVOLO'S QUOTE NO-SHOW END QUOTE ARE NOT HELPFUL TO OUR EFFORTS. SISCO

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